

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 13-15, 22, 23, and 26-35 are pending in the application. By way of this reply, Applicants are amending amend claims 1 and 22 and canceling claims 6 and 23. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-15 and 35 are allowed. Claims 6 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants are canceling claims 6 and 23, amending claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 6, and amending claim 22 to recite the limitations of claim 23. Therefore, amended claims 1 and 22 are allowable. Claims 3-5 and 9 inherit the patentable subject matter of amended claim 1. Claims 26-34 inherit the patentable subject matter of amended claim 22. Therefore, claims 3-5, 9, and 26-34 are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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